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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, November
2016.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize November 2
2016 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; and 3

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of 4
cancer-related death in the United States. The pancreas secretes 5
enzymes that aid digestion and hormones that help regulate the 6
metabolism of sugars, and the survival rate of cancer in this part 7
of the body has not improved substantially in approximately four 8
decades. It is estimated that 46,420 people in the United States 9
will be diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and nearly 40,000 10
patients will die from the disease; and 11

WHEREAS, With only a six percent survival rate of more than 12
five years, pancreatic cancer has few defined risk factors, with 13
only family history of the disease, age, diabetes, and smoking 14
being known. Causing only vague symptoms such as abdominal or back 15
pain, nausea, loss of appetite, weight loss, jaundice, changes in 16
stool, and diabetes, this cancer has limited treatment options, 17
and it is a leading cause of cancer death mostly because there are 18
no detection tools to diagnose the disease in its early stages 19
when surgical removal of the tumor is possible; and 20

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month can undoubtedly 21
be a benefit to those who suffer from, or who are at risk for, 22
pancreatic cancer, as well as to the families and friends of these 23
individuals. This observance can offer them help, support, and 24

encouragement in the fight against this disease; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 26
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 27
this Resolution, recognize November 2016 as Pancreatic Cancer 28
Awareness Month; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 31
media of Ohio. 32